

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-08-01

March 10, 2008

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice and hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, statement of basis, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| APPLICANT: | Plum Creek Manufacturing Inc. 500 12 th Avenue West Columbia Falls, MT 59912 |
| FACILITY NAME: | Plum Creek Manufacturing, Columbia Falls Operations |
| FACILITY LOCATION: | Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, Flathead County |
| RECEIVING WATER: | Outfall 003A: Class I Ground Water Outfall 004A: Class I Ground Water Outfall 005A: Class I Ground Water Outfall 006A: Class I Ground Water |
| PERMIT NUMBER: | MTX000092 |

This is a renewal permit for multiple subsurface wastewater disposal systems servicing the existing Plum Creek timber products processing facility located in Columbia Falls, MT. Plum Creek Manufacturing (PCM), a timber products processing facility that manufactures plywood, Medium

Density Fiberboard (MDF) and finished wood products. All discharges from the PCM facility discharge to Class I ground waters. PCM will be issued standard mixing zones for each outfall for the parameter Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). The Department will grant PCM a mixing zone for TDS at each outfall and the permittee will be required to meet the SMCL of 500 mg/L at the end of each mixing zone. The proposed discharge is not a new or increased source pursuant to ARM 17.30.702 (18).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 24, 2008.

Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 24, 2008 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne Beaman at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit, the statement of basis, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination at **7:00 pm , April 15th at Columbia Falls High School, 610 13th Street, Columbia Falls, MT.**

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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